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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : If that is to be the standard, there is already a spinning mill in Kanyakumari but that is not the only standard. We want to have as many mills as possible.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : There are large funds available with the Societies in the Erode taluk and why not the Government set up a spinning mill there?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : In the matter of organising a co-operative spinning mill, it is not the lack of funds but it is the lack of spindles and that is the main bottleneck. Actually we have far, far exceeded the number of spindles orginally allotted to us. Therefore, until the Third Plan allocation takes place, it will be very difficult to get more spindles now.

SRI SOWDI S. SUNDARA BHARATHI : As the Hon. Minister himself has expressed several times that the handloom weavers should not depend upon the handloom in future for their subsistence, will the Government encourage such handloom weavers who come forward to start spinning mills on a co-operative basis?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The Government are advising all the new Spinning Mills to give preference to the handloom weavers in the matter of recruitment. In the co-operative spinning mills we are giving preference to the handloom weavers for employment. I think these two steps will go a long way to give alternative employment to the handloom weavers.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : What is the number of spindles that has been sanctioned for the proposed mill at Conjeevaram?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : 12,000 spindles.

Last Grade servants

* 495 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a deputation on behalf of the Madras State Last Grade Servants' Association submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister and to the Minister for Finance on 18th November 1960, regarding their demands and service conditions; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The requests contained in the memorandum of the Madras State Last Grade Servants' Association are being examined by the Departments of the Secretariat concerned.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Sir, May I know whether any decision has been taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No. Sir.

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM : What are the grievances detailed by them in their memorandum and what are the steps which the Government propose to take if they are found to be reasonable.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : There is a long list and I do not think it will be possible to give out details of their demands. As I have already stated, the matter is under the consideration of the Government. If they are reasonable and found to be feasible, they would be considered for implementation.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, has at least the recommendation of the Pay Commission regarding the revision of their salaries been given effect to?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes. It is after that, that they have made further representations. Usually when one grievance is over a new grievance would crop up.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : May I know when it is likely to be finalised?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : We will go on examining it till it is finalised.

Overloading (vehicles)

• 496 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state the number of cases prosecuted for overloading in vehicles in the Madras City in 1959–60?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The total number of cases prosecuted for overloading vehicles in Madras City from 1st April 1959 to 31st March 1960 was 2,808.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, is it a fact that the buses plying between Madras and Pondicherry and between Madras and Conjeevaram are always overloaded?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I have no information.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know whether these bus owners are merely fined or whether their bus permits are also cancelled for overloading?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : It depends on the nature of offence. Sometimes they are just warned. At times an entry is made in their permits.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : May I know from the Hon. Minister whether flying squads with some police officers appointed to check this overloading are being continued even now?

(No answer)